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Your Highness,

I submit herewith a note on the newspaper agitation on the non-Brahmin question and the quarrel between Mr. Reddy and Mr. Venkatakrishnayya. Should Your Highness approve of the lines on which I propose to move, I will take action immediately and get an under-taking in writing from all the parties concerned by the use of moral pressure. I understood Mr. Mirza to say that His Highness was agreeable to an arrangement of the sort mentioned in the note - including the payment, if necessary, of Rs 50/- to the funds of the Narimallappa's Charities to enable that body to pay Mr. Venkatakrishnayya a pension of Rs 100/- per mensem.

In the course of my recent enquiry I gathered that the school receives from the charities a contribution of only Rs 125/- per month, of which Rs 50/- are utilised for scholarships for Lingayet boys. Government give a grant of Rs 350/- and the realisations from school fees amount to Rs 700/- to Rs 800/-. Mr. Venkatakrishnayya stated that the school was maintained chiefly by his own efforts and that of the staff, and that he had earned Rs 30,000/- for the school and improved the buildings and the property.

The School Committee is said to be influenced at present by the belief that the hand of Government is against Mr. Venkatakrishnayya. Mr. Denham, while deprecating Mr. Venkatakrishnayya's mischievous activities in the press, was of opinion that he should be given the enhanced pension and that he should not be made to quit in disgrace the school for which he has laboured so long.

I shall move in the matter if authorised by Your Highness.

Your Highness's obedient servant,

Sd/ M. Visvesvaraya,

His Highness

The Yuvaraja of Mysore, G.C.I.E.,